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Dear Mr. Hughes:

Following up on my telephone conversations with Mr. George Schwarzwald, this is to advise of this Agency's views on the draft bill "To establish a United States Disarmament Agency" forwarded by your memorandum of 25 May 1961.

There were several technical points which I brought to Mr. Schwarzwald's attention, suggesting that possibly certain specific provisions were not necessary in view of authorities existing in general law. Since he took notes on these, I have not detailed them in this letter.

We have noted that in Section 31 it is proposed the Director of the Disarmament Agency be authorized to make arrangements for research in certain fields which are closely allied to existing responsibilities of this Agency. In particular I refer to Subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Section 31. If the proposed legislation is enacted into law, we believe that close coordination and consultation will be necessary to avoid duplication of effort. In connection with the coordination problem, we note Section 37 provides for collaboration and coordination between the Director of the Disarmament Agency and the Secretary of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission with suitable procedures to be established subject to the approval of the President. At the end of Section 37 (a), there is general provision for procedures, subject to

the approval of the President, between the Director of the Disarmament Agency and such other agencies as the President may designate from time to time. It is believed that this latter provision provides a sufficient statutory safeguard in the event coordination problems between the proposed Disarmament Agency and this Agency do not appear to be susceptible to resolution.

With respect to the other provisions in the proposed legislation, we see no objection from our viewpoint and have no other comments to offer.

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Sincerely,

s/ John S. Warner

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